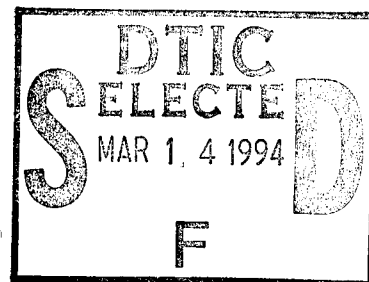


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NEC Central Research Laboratory in Kawasaki

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done under the umbrella of the commerce department.

3. The NEC overview was nothing more than watching NEC's PR tape. It gave good top level understanding of types of basic and applied research work done at their research laboratories. It is kind of interesting to find out there are 14 NEC facilities in the United States. Included in those 14 sites is the NEC Research Institute, Inc. at Princeton, NJ (I believe they meant to say New Brunswick, NJ but in Japan the name "Princeton" is better understood). Additional NEC facilities are located all over the world, showing the extent of international marketing influence that NEC has in the world market.

4. At this NEC laboratories site in Kawasaki, there are 1200 people working, focusing their basic research efforts in optoelectronics. In addition, there are 400 more people working at the Tsukuba Research Laboratories on similar programs, however, more on new and advance concepts. It is very clear that NEC has established the Tsukuba Laboratories to maintain a strong tie with MITI research facilities.

5. The amount of defense related work done at NEC is less than 2%. Most of the NEC efforts is geared toward industrial market. To maintain technological edge over other competitors, NEC allocates 20-30% of the profit back into R&D. With most of their managers having technical degrees, they think in terms of a long time goal, as what we were used of in the United States before WW II. I was surprised to hear that most of NEC researchers are Master degree holders and not PhDs. There are less than 20% PhDs.

6. I asked about their company policy on the US-Japan technology exchange program with NEC. I was told that NEC is doing exactly of that. Currently there are 30 foreign scientists working at various NEC laboratories. I think we could start the Window-on-Science (or should I say the Window-on-Japan) program with them.

7. To show the level of scientists we are dealing with here at NEC, one of the participants is an IEEE editor for one of the IEEE journals. Normally that type of responsibility is reserved for professors in other part of the world; however, in Japan we could see the scientists or engineers in industry getting those honorable positions because of the level of advanced research carried out in the industrial sector.

8. I believe Mr Bochkosky got good feel for the amount of advanced research work carried in the industrial sector in Japan.